

**MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2003**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

*Tom Ambrose, Phoenix Suns
*Maria Armijo, Maricopa County Attorney's Office
*Tracy Bame, Phelps Dodge Corp.
Peggy Bilsten, Council member of Phoenix
*Cmdr Jim Brad, Town of Gilbert
David Dube, Division Community Services
*Dr. Mary Ellen Bradshaw, Arizona Public Health Assoc.
*Mike Branham, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
Jane Conder for Roger Illingworth, Dept. Of Public Safety
Dean Coonrod, Maricopa Integrated Health Systems/MedPro
Gene D' Adamo, The Arizona Republic
*Jill Faver, Arizona Foundation for Women
Kathleen Ferraro, ASU
*Martha Fraser Harman, Men's Anti Violence Network
*Susan Glawe, Blue Cross Blue Shield
*Lisa Glow, Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families
*David Goulet, Council member of Glendale
Vicki Hill, City of Phoenix
Cmdr. Kim Humphrey, Arizona Regional Community Policing Inst.
*Loren Kirkeide, SRP
Iva Klippel for Chief Dan Hughes, City of Surprise
*Leticia D'Amore, Value Options
*Sue Linney, Council member of Goodyear
*Marie Lopez-Rogers, Council member of Avondale
Cynthia Lukas, Council member of Scottsdale
*JoEllen Lynn, American Express
*Linda Martin, Religious Response to Domestic Violence
*Judy Mattingly, Justice Services, Inc.

Preston McMurry, McMurry Publishing
*Rick Miller, Violence Prevention Initiative
Robert Mills, Salt River Indian Community
*Karen O'Connor, Maricopa County
Michael Parascandola, City of Goodyear
Karyn Parker-Reichert, John C. Lincoln
*Sandi Perez, BHHS Legacy Foundation
Don Peyton, City of Phoenix Fire Dept.
*Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center
Dianne Post, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Lynn Potts, City of Mesa
*Angela Rodgers, Children's Action Alliance
*Joanne Samora, ConocoPhillips
Lonetta Sanders, Phoenix Police Department
Wally Sjolander for Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging, Region One
Laura Guild for Mary Lou Hanley, Arizona Department of Economic Security
*Marie Sullivan, AZ Women's Education and Employment
*Kerry G. Wangberg, Law Department/Criminal Division
Phillip Westbrooks, Council member of Chandler

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ginger Bealer, Family Advocacy Center
Debbra Determan, MAG
Christy Herron, Avondale Police
Carolyn McBurney, MAG
Crucita Nuanez-Ochoa, Chicanos Por La Causa
Suzanne Quigley, Arizona Community Foundation
Bruce Raden, US Congressman John Shadegg
Judy Tapscott, City of Tempe
Terri Woodmansee, Goodyear Police

* Those not present or represented by proxy

1. Councilmember Bilsten called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.
She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

2. Approval of May 15, 2003 minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. City of Phoenix Domestic Violence Systems and Process Review

Commander Kim Humphrey gave an overview of the City of Phoenix's recent "Domestic Violence Systems and Process Review." This process entailed three City auditors studying national best practices and reviewing City domestic violence systems and processes. The auditors spent 6 months on the project, and included work with employees from the Police Department, City Prosecutor's Office, the Municipal Court and the Family Advocacy Center. Strengths and areas for improvement were identified. The point with the DV Audit was that a great deal was learned and it strengthened the internal structure; the Council was encouraged to obtain support and accomplish a similar feat in each municipality.

4. Work Group Progress

- a. *Healthcares About Domestic Violence:* Dr. Dean Coonrod reported on the recent Healthcares About Domestic Violence breakfast with local healthcare providers and hospital system CEOs. The purpose of the breakfast was to continue providing education to healthcare providers about identifying and providing resources for victims of domestic violence. This breakfast included a representative from Polaroid, who provided training on using a camera to document domestic violence related injuries, as well as Dr. Walker from Parkland Medical Center in Houston who spoke on how to best screen for victims and provide access to services beyond the immediate services rendered.
- b. *Crisis Response Team Initiative:* Don Peyton reported on the Crisis Response Team (CRT). He mentioned several guests were in attendance today from the CRT Training programs in Glendale, Tempe, Scottsdale, Surprise, and Phoenix. He also discussed the use of 2 VOCA grants that allowed some Valley communities to add services during the week and provide a criminal justice training program. The CRT group has also developed a regional training curriculum and has invited any interested Council members to attend. The group received a round of applause for the difficult job they do and their commitment to helping families in crisis.
- c. *EADV:* Gene D'Adamo gave an update on the Walk to End Domestic Violence. He stated that \$130,000 was raised, and the funds will be distributed within the next two weeks to non-profit organizations providing services to battered women.
- d. *Legislative Education Subcommittee:* Councilmember Cynthia Lukas discussed a recent visit that was coordinated for legislators to tour the Scottsdale Family Advocacy Center. The legislators included Representatives Burton-Cahill, Rosati,

and Reagan, and Senators Mitchell and Waring. Councilmember Lukas encouraged other municipalities to educate their legislators and mentioned a thank you letter to help the issue in the elected officials' minds that was sent under both Councilmember Bilsten's and Councilmember Lukas' signatures.

- e. *Chandler Coordinating Council on Domestic Violence*: Councilmember Phill Westbrook stated that the LCC now has 40 members, and has been holding monthly meetings since October 2001. The group is sponsoring a faith-based/non-profit workshop on October 4. The LCC is also pleased that the development of a Family Advocacy Center was approved, and a Domestic Violence Prevention Fund will be raised by levying a \$50 fine for municipal court cases. Several members requested more information on how Councilman Westbrook was able to convince the City to use the fines for the DV Prevention Fund. Councilmember Westbrook is happy to talk with other groups to assist.

5. Transition Plan for 2003/2004

Councilmember Bilsten thanked the Domestic Violence Councilmembers for the opportunity to impact the area Cities and their domestic violence policies and systems. Councilmember Bilsten then shared her vision for the Council, and encouraged participants to keep active and working on the initiatives. She would like to see each subcommittee remain successful. Councilmember Bilsten announced that Commander Kim Humphrey and Councilmember Cynthia Lukas have both stepped up to the plate to help during the transition. Appointments will be made by the MAG Regional Council Chair.

Councilmember Bilsten will remain active in strategic planning, and she hopes the group will develop a plan for the next twelve months. Gene D'Adamo then thanked Councilmember Bilsten for her unfailing dedication to the issue of domestic violence and the Regional Domestic Violence Council. Likewise, Suzanne Quigley thanked Councilmember Bilsten for her commitment to the cause and her ability to keep others committed and on the right path toward connecting local resources and implementing solutions.

6. Legislative Update

Dianne Post provided a legislative update, including the positive news that \$2 million in funding was restored. The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AzCADV) is already working on the next legislative session.

7. Public Comment

No announcements were made.

8. Announcements

The Domestic Violence Council's Strategic Planning session is tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2003 at the Flinn Foundation. The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2003.

Vicki Hill announced that August 22 is Domestic Violence Night at the Ballpark. For information, please call 602/262-7732.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.